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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC DIA WASHDC INFO USCINCEUR  
CINCUSAFE CINCUSNAVEUR FROM TEHRAN 19 AUG 74:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 6949

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, IR, IZ

SUBJ: IRANIAN MILITARY ALERT

REF: USDAO 181230Z AUG 74

1. AS OF AUGUST 19 PRECAUTIONARY ALERT REPORTED IN REFTEL IS  
CONTINUING. AMCONSUL KHORRAMSHahr REPORTS MANY IIN OFFICERS  
HE HAS TALKED TO ARE NOT AWARE OF REASONS FOR ALERT BUT ASSUME  
IT DIRECTED AGAINST IRAQ AND IS NOT JUST AN EXERCISE. ALERT  
IN SOUTHWEST DOES NOT APPEAR TO INVOLVE ARMY OR GENDARMERIE.

2. AMCONSUL TABRIZ REPORTS THAT ALL ARMED SERVICES ALONG  
BORDER IN THAT CONSULAR DISTRICT ARE ON ALERT, GENERALLY WITH  
HALF OF PERSONNEL ON DUTY AT A TIME. AGAIN MOTIVE SEEMS TO BE  
PRECAUTIONARY, AS NO NEW CLASHES WITH IRAQ MILITIA OR TROOPS  
HAVE BEEN REPORTED. IRANIAN SOURCES HAVE TOLD CONSUL THEY BELIEVE  
PURPOSE IS TO BE READY IF IRAQI ACTION AGAINST KURDS SHOULD  
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SPILL OVER ACROSS BORDER.

3. COMMENT: POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL REASON FOR ALERT IS TO WARN IRAQIS AGAINST ANY PROVOCATION DURING ISTANBUL TALKS. FONMIN KHALATBARI WHO WILL VISIT TURKEY AUGUST 20 IS REPORTED BY PRESS TO BE EVALUATING ISTANBUL TALKS WITH A VIEW TOWARD POSSIBLE MEETING WITH IRAQI FONMIN IN TURKEY IF SUFFICIENT PROGRESS BEING MADE IN PRELIMINARY TALKS. KHALATBARI TOLD PRESS AUGUST 14 HE BELIEVED NEGOTIATIONS COULD LEAD TO SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE BUT ADDED THAT RECENT IRAQI AGGRESSION ON BORDER CALLED INTO QUESTION BAGHDAD'S SINCERITY. END COMMENT. HELMS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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